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## OFFICE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Fallen Firefighters Memorial Participants

**FROM:** Francis J. Nerney, Jr.

State Fire Administrator

**DATE:** September 16, 2020

**SUBJECT:** 2020 Fallen Firefighters Memorial Postponement

Good Afternoon,

The 23rd Annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony, scheduled for Friday, October 9, has been postponed.

We are disappointed to be unable to conduct our ceremony this year, but we believe this is the safest path to honor the fallen under the current circumstances.

We wanted to take this opportunity to remind each of you how important you are to the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony. Despite the challenges we are facing, we are looking forward to 2021 and hoping we can all be in one place to honor and celebrate the lives of these fallen firefighters.

We appreciate your patience, support and dedication to the Memorial and to those families who have lost so much. We will remain in touch to share additional details regarding the 24<sup>th</sup> Fallen Firefighters Memorial ceremony.

Please join us as we honor our 2020 Fallen Firefighters in a moving tribute video that will be found on our website (<a href="http://www.dhses.ny.gov/ofpc/memorial/">http://www.dhses.ny.gov/ofpc/memorial/</a>) during Fire Prevention week (October 6-10).

On behalf of the Office of Fire Prevention and Control, we extend our condolences on the tragic loss of our firefighters and hope that the recognition of their heroic contributions will in some way bring comfort.

Thank you.